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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RE: Applicant(s): Thorsten Laux  
Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.  
Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING A MERGING DRIVER  
FOR ACCESSING MULTIPLE DATA SOURCES  
Serial No.: 09/738,464 Filed: December 13, 2000  
Examiner: Li B. Zhen Group Art Unit: 2126  
Docket No.: P-4589

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2004 in the above application:

1. Return receipt postcard;
2. This Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
3. Amendment (12 pages).

- ☒ No additional claims fees are required.  
☐ The additional claim fees have been calculated as shown below:

Transmittal Letter  
 Serial No. 09/738,464  
 January 26, 2005

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	- 4	= 0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00
First filing of Multiple Dependent Claim (Enter \$290)					0.00
Total of above Calculation					\$0.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity)					1.0
Subtotal					\$ 0.00
Submission of Information Disclosure Statement Fee (enter \$180)					0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension of time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

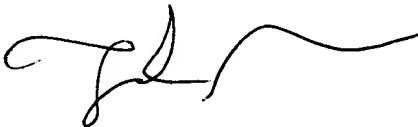
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 26, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



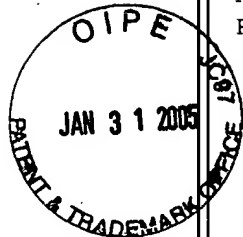
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 27, 2004**,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

1. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the  
listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;  
and
2. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.